

ENGLISH DESCRIPTION OF THEIR NEW ALLIES

LONDON, Aug. — Yesterday morning Londoners had one of their few chances to cheer and wax enthusiastic since the war began. American troops marched through the streets behind a flag of the great republic.

From 8:30 a. m. yesterday the troops marched from Waterloo to the Wellington barracks. The Tommies cheered in British fashion, and the Americans, standing easy, responded with the sort of cheer that one hears from the big league crowds when the White Sox have "put it over" the Giants.

At 11:30 a. m. the troops left the barracks to the tune of "The Boston Tea Party," surely a strange air to be played before troops in the streets of London, but still a most appropriate one.

The men were admired all along the route. They were a remarkably uniform lot, and their physique was splendid. All of them are volunteers and most of them are men who have been working with their hands in the west on railway construction works and they are necessarily as fit as an open air rigorous life can make them. They marched with a free step, much like the Colonial troops. They never seemed to tire or grow slack. And it was a tiring march, even though it was not a long one, for the streets were hot, and the men were up very early in the morning to enter the city.

The Americans wear the hat that has been made familiar to us by the New Zealand forces—a felt hat with a straight brim and pinched crown. Each unit of the American army wears a different cord round the crown, with two tassels hanging on the brim in front. The men carried waterproof capes slung in their belts behind. Instead of puttees they wore canvas leggings laced in front. These are particularly useful for every class of service. On the Mexican border they were found to be cool and comfortable. In France they will be every bit as useful, for they do not collect as much mud as puttees, and are easily washed.

The sergeants, many of them with medal ribbons telling of their service in Mexico, the Philippines, or China, all wore automatic pistols hung handily on the right hip. Their chevrons denoting rank are reversed and the "V" of the stripes point upwards. There was at least one man from the New York police in the non-commissioned ranks, and perhaps a patrolman or two from Chicago.

It is just about now that the annual migration of the "hobo" takes place. He leaves New York for the winter, often travelling on the undercarriage of a freight wagon until he reaches a town far enough west, and warm enough climatically, to attract him. Here he stops off, and works intermittently until the city calls him again. This year the "hobo" will have a much easier time. One of the biggest men in the first battalion to march past, when asked what he was doing two months ago looked a little homesick. "I was chasing hoboese off the freight cars on the Dallas-Sweetwater stretch in Colorado." And in case the uninitiated do not know what a "hobo" is, it might be explained that a hobo is a tramp.

In the watching crowd one was often struck with the frequent comment on the physical appearance of the American troops. They went along with shoulders squared and their eyes to the front. There was no talking in the march, and each man kept the alignment of his four splendidly. When, as often happened, the column paused on the route, the men marked time with a precision that would have pleased even a Guards sergeant major. There was one noticeable thing about their appearance, and that was the lack of moustaches. Very few of them had moustaches, and fewer still had beards.

At the head of each battalion there was carried the Stars and Stripes, and it can safely be said the "Old Glory" has never had such a rousing reception in the streets of London before.

There were many individual examples of enthusiasm, and they were not missed by the marching men. In the Green park, when the men halted one of them, called to the other, "Say, did you get the little 'bell-hop' looking through the grating in Pell Mall street? The one that was holler-

in 'Are we downhearted?' They had all noticed him, and his little tribute was appreciated. As a matter of fact, it was the page boy of the Automobile club who had squeezed his head through the grille above the front door and so addressed the crowd beneath and received a rousing answer.

Once in the crowd there came a weird sound that caused all heads to turn in wonder. The American files knew it, and although they could not respond, they smiled as they looked straight to their front for it was the college yell of Harvard. Yale followed in lesser voice, and ended with a hoarse wheeze. Many of the men in the ranks were engineering graduates, and many of them were athletes. More than one private carrying his rifle in yesterday's parade had stood at the diamond and hit balls that made the outfielder scatter to the four corners of the ground. Many of them have pitched balls fast enough and curly enough to make the best batsman resume his seat after a bare few seconds with never a base gained. Some of them are runners who have breasted the tape for Pennsylvania, Princeton, Yale, and Harvard. They are all in a bigger game now, where the pace is faster and the stake greater.

HOUSEWIVES FOR MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Will you make a "huswife" for the marines? The Navy league has issued a call for \$500 "huswife" for the marines now training for service in France.

"Huswife" is the marine's way of saying "housewife" and a "housewife" in the marine corps means the sewing kit with needles, thimble, thread and scissors, that makes it possible for the U. S. marine to be the smartest looking soldier in the world.

The sewing kit wanted by the Navy league is made of cotton khaki sewed with red thread—the marine corps uniform color. The kit is thirteen inches long and seven and a half inches wide, and has five pockets three and a half inches deep by two and a half inches wide. A top flap folds over the pockets and covers the contents of the kit. A red tape twenty inches long, sewed on the back of the center pockets, ties the kit when rolled up.

A pair of blunt pointed scissors four inches long, number one needles, a thimble, an assortment of safety pins, cards holding heavy khaki, black and white thread, and two safety pins strung with khaki buttons, comprise the contents of the kit.

These kits cannot be purchased by the government, and in order to provide the men going to the firing line with these useful comforts women workers throughout the country must make them. Local sections of the Navy league, and all other women who will, are urged to begin this work. The comforts committee of the Navy league at Washington will furnish explicit directions as to how to make the sewing kits, and will secure the distribution of them to the sailors and marines through individual channels in accordance with the instructions of the Secretary of the Navy.

I every one who yelled for justice got it there would be a lot of mad men in this world.—Galveston News.

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NINE HUNDRED PER CENT PROFIT MADE BY NEW JERSEY RETAILERS

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 12.—The reports which have been collected weekly for Governor Edge showing the prices paid at the farm, to the wholesaler and by the consumer to day brought to the attention of the governor a new angle. Commenting upon it, Governor Edge said:

"I cannot understand why it is that when the defense of the retailer for the excessive profit charged over the wholesale prices is that the expense of delivery and other luxuries insisted upon by the average housewife necessitates a larger percentage of profits the large so-called economy stores which have no delivery service, and in many cases no telephone, do not show greater decrease than our agents have found to be the case.

"As stated in last week's report I believe that a great deal of the trouble is the unwillingness of the average housewife to shop as was done in times gone by, but it seems from this development that some of the retailers have been willing to take advantage of the housewife who will shop, by not only refusing to deliver, but by not giving the reduction in price that should result from this very sensible, businesslike method of buying.

"I am of the opinion, therefore, that while there are two sides to the controversy, the proper kind of federal food control law enforced to the letter will produce some startling reductions in food prices, which have certainly been an almost crushing burden upon the ordinary wage earner.

"As I understand it the new federal price control bill applies to the price that can be charged by the producer. I hope it is the intention of the federal government to follow this down to the price which can be exacted by the retailer, otherwise there will be little relief from food gouging promised by this legislation.

"From my investigation in a small way in New Jersey I have not found that the producer is the man receiving abnormal profits, and I believe this to be true in a general way in all classes of commodities. It is the continuous adding to the producer's price multiplied through many hands that establishes the retail price, which, of course, is what interests the consumer.

"If the federal price regulating legislation will control the percentage of profit to be applied to the different necessary handling of a product then the solution is in sight, otherwise not.

"We have furnished the federal food department with the situation so far as staple food products are concerned in New Jersey, attested by the state department, and there is little more that we can do until the federal government acts."

That the publication of their excess profits has had some effect upon the retailers appears evident from the prices charged this week taken in connection with the price at the farm. For instance, where only a week ago the profit exacted on cabbage at Atlantic City was 900 per cent the prices had come so near together in that city that the retail price was but 150 per cent above the farm price.

The same profit was taken at Woodbury. In Trenton it was 140 per cent. Jersey City and New York were content with but 80 per cent profit, and Newark retailers asked but 50 per cent more than the farm price.

Paterson consumers paid 90 per cent more than the farmer received.

POLITICAL DEADLOCK OBSTRUCTS BUSINESS

(Correspondence Associated Press)
HONOLULU, T. H., Aug. 30.—Honolulu is facing a political situation unique in its annals. With a democratic mayor and a republican board of supervisors, both at loggerheads over appointments, the taxpayers are wondering who is who.

For two months the mayor's list of appointments to municipal berths, numbering over 100, have been laying on the table as a result of the action of the supervisors while the mayor's clamors for recognition of his prerogatives are given scant attention. The outcome of it all is that the republican holdovers from

the past administration are still in office and jubilant while the democratic office seekers are still out in the cold and crying for their rights.

All efforts at compromise having failed the democrats have sought relief in the courts and what is regarded as the forerunner of other suits to oust the holdovers was filed today by democratic leaders applying for an injunction to hold up the salary of the superintendent of parks and playgrounds and praying the court to set aside an ordinance enacted by the republican board taking away from the mayor the power of appointments.

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crisp over the glowing coals
of a camp fire.

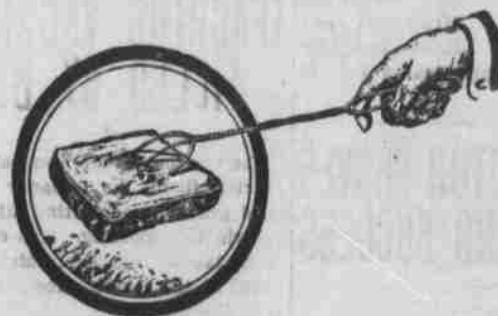
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